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Report from Treasury At the meeting of the Board of Directors, January 31-February 2, 1966, the Treasurer presented the preliminary statement for the twelve months ending December 31, 1965, and a supplementary statement of tentative figures based on additional data through January 26, 1966. The latter indicated receipts as of January 26, 1966, of approximately $5,592,900 for the year. He called attention to the fact that even though the Payment Schedule of Basic Support had been decreased from the amount budgeted $4,045,500 to $3,830,000 that there had been an increase of total receipts of $55,900 over the amount anticipated in the budget. The budgeted expenditures as known at the time of this tentative report totalled for the year $5,931,902 leaving an approximate excess of budgeted expenditures over budgeted income of $339,002. Since then other necessary adjustments in income and expenditures increase this excess to approximately $350,000.

Additional details presented by the Treasurer included approximate receipts by the Treasurer of the United Church of Christ from the One Great Hour of Sharing and Share Our Substance offering of $848,826 as well as the fact that Basic Support received by the Treasurer of the United Church totalled $10,600,000 for the year 1965, some $300,000 below that needed for the Treasurer of the church to meet the Paying Schedule to the Instrumentalities and other obligations of the General Synod.

News from the Home Front The United Church Board Warehouse and the Church World Service Warehouse for New York are operated as one under the direction of Mr. Oscar Weller of the United Church Board for World Ministries. It packs household and personal effects for missionaries, supplies for schools, hospitals, and institutions of the Board in many countries; bales clothing for Church World Service; and handles Interchurch Medical Assistance shipments to hospitals overseas for many mission boards.

During the first two months of this year, 24 shipments originated or passed through our warehouse. These totaled 50,000 pounds. Of these 24 shipments, 10 were directed to five countries in Africa, six to India, two each to Honduras and Turkey, and one each to Japan, Micronesia, Portugal, and Vietnam. The last-named shipment consisted of 52 cartons, of 3,500 pounds of cloth and sewing supplies..sent to Vietnam.

The shipment to Tanzania consisted of 19 cartons or cases of school supplies weighing in excess of two tons.

This warehouse and shipping activity has been carried on by six men under Mr. Weller's guidance, one of whom drives the Church World Service truck which took most of the shipment to the piers between clothing pick-ups in churches in Metropolitan New York and Northern New Jersey.

Dr. Carleton's Visit to Geneva During the first half of February, 1966, Dr. Alford Carleton attended the Central and Executive Committee meeting of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, at which the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake was elected general secretary of the World Council of Churches.

New Concepts of Missionary Responsibilities New concepts of the missionary responsibilities of the Christian Churches are reflected in a report presented by the WCC's Division of World Mission and Evangelism

to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches in annual session Feb. 8-17 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The report submitted by the Division's acting director, the Rev. Robbins Strong, (General Secretary for the Division of Interpretation and Personnel of the United Church Board for World Ministries)* indicates an increasing emphasis on work in what the report refers to as the "frontier" areas and the "cutting-edge experimental patterns of the ministry."

These include study of the Christian community's role in healing, urban and industrial evangelism, and a ministry to international civil servants.

The Division also sponsors the Christian Literature Fund and the Theological Education Fund.

Presenting the report, Mr. Strong said the new emphasis did not mean the Division was no longer concerned with traditional interests in developing inter-church relationships or aiding mission societies, or that it was a question of "either/or."

However, "if a choice must be made," he said, divisional concerns would be for "stimulating new forms of involvement across the sociological, intellectual, and political frontiers on six continents of a changing world, of seeing to it that the Church speaks and acts as one in this mission, of being the focal point for those involved in the cutting-edge of experimental patterns of ministry."

He said that emphasis was seen in the fact that requests for aid to "projects" of all kinds are now channelled through the WCC's Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service and that the World Mission Division now has as its primary emphasis "programs of longer range attempts to both stimulate and aid churches all over the world separately and together, to be effectively involved in some of the new frontiers of mission."

* The Rev. Robbins Strong has now terminated his post with the WCC and returned to his desk at "475" on March 7, 1966.

New Position for Herbert Muenstermann

As of the 1st of January, 1966, Mr. Herbert Muenstermann has assumed responsibilities as Director of the Personnel Section of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches. Mr. William Parkinson and Mr. Anthony Stern, who are also on the Personnel Section staff of the Division of Overseas Ministries, will be continuing their earlier responsibilities while Mr. Muenstermann will be giving priority attention to joint action for mission in the area of personnel work with special attention on the feasibility of a joint personnel office.

Mr. Muenstermann joined the staff of the former Board of International Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church as its first Personnel Secretary in July of 1957, and since the forming of the United Church Board for World Ministries, has served as Secretary in charge of the Personnel Department.

Miss Charlotte Reid is Secretary in charge of the Personnel Department; Mr. Loy Long continues as Personnel Secretary in Boston and Miss Virginia Hermann in New York.

News From the UCBWM Library

Since 1957, Dr. James E. Sheridan, Associate Professor of History at Northwestern University, has been working on a biography of the Chinese "Christian General," Feng Yu-hsiang. During this time he has done considerable research in the papers of Miss Luella Miner (North China Mission, 1887-1935) who knew General Feng and his family very well. CHINESE WARLORD: THE CAREER OF FENG YU-HSIANG (Stanford University Press, 1966), which is on order for the library in New York, is due to be published this spring.

Another recent addition to the New York library is the autobiography of Dr. Martin P. Davis, one of our missionaries in Central India from 1912-1950 and a corporate member of the Board. A L-O-N-G HONEYMOON AMONG LEPERS, OUTCASTES AND ABORIGINES (privately printed by Dr. Davis) gives many interesting glimpses of the lives of the Davises during their service in India.

Church World Service Year-End Report Reflects New Emphases

In 1965 the material aid provided by the nation's Protestant churches to the needy around the world through Church World Service represented a total dollar value of $23,144,811

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Mission in the Electronic Age

In a speech several months ago, David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America, predicted that by the 1970's, the world will be covered by a system of total communication. Microwave channels will be able to carry radio, television, telephone, facsimile newspaper, magazine, and book printing, telegraph message, and computer data directly into office or home, giving an individual (or mission board) instantaneous access to the entire earth. There will be continental and global networks of computer centers available to scholars, professional people, and businessmen--a sort of instant world library where all known and recorded data on any conceivable subject from social statistics to medical knowledge, from ancient history to market trends, will be immediately available.

Sarnoff also predicted that a system of satellites in synchronous orbit will broadcast directly to individual television sets and FM radio receivers in homes anywhere on earth, with the viewer being able to select his own language from a number of channels.

That will be a time when the word "ecumenical" ("world-wide in extent or influence") will be the descriptive adjective, although one shudders to think what life in this new ecumenical age will be like if the lowest common denominator becomes the content of communication. Several months ago the United States set up a TV system in South Vietnam. The first two programs to be introduced were Bonanza and Gunsmoke.

What all these new developments say to us, however, is that we are in the formative period of a new era of man. Marshall McLuhan, professor of English at the University of Toronto and director of the Centre for Culture and Technology, and Ross Snyder, a professor at the Chicago Theological Seminary, have both stated recently that we have come to the end of the Mechanical or Gutenberg Age, and have now embarked upon the Electronic Age. The old visual approach to human consciousness whereby we were ruled mostly by what we saw with our eyes is passing away. A new way of sensing life, of organizing our life - world, of being-in-the-world is here. This approach will increasingly be auditory, guttural, kinetic, and tactile - using all the senses. People all over the world will live simultaneously with events, reacting to the news and dramatic story with intense feeling (rather than to past events with thoughtful detachment). Already we have seen examples of this - the reaction of the country to the TV picture of the Selma marchers being beaten by the police, the picture of the Marine setting fire to a Vietnamese hut with his cigarette lighter, and the reaction of the whole world to the events of Kennedy's death and funeral.

What does this new mode of emerging consciousness say to us about our approach to others in mission? And how do we minister in this new age effectively when people crave roles with depth involvement? If you would like an excellent resource in this area, order The Ministry of Meaning by Ross Snyder from the Youth Department, World Council of Churches (150 Route de Ferney, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, or Room 440, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N.Y. 10027) $1.50.

The Church Inside Out

This is the provocative title of an exciting new book by J. C. Hoekendijk (Hoo-kendike), Professor of Missions at Union Seminary, New York City. In it he discusses the nature of the church, evangelism, mission, and the role of the laity, raising crucial questions about the work of the church overseas as well as at home, and pointing to some possible new directions.

The New York staff has begun to read this book, and will be holding a series of discussions on it soon. The staff here has also felt the need for closer dialogue with the overseas staff and for their counsel on the basic issues raised in the book. A letter from the regional secretaries will be going soon to all missionaries telling how a free copy of the book may be obtained.

Following are some of the provocative thoughts expressed in the book:

Evangelism has three aspects - proclamation, community, and humble service

Proselytism is the opposite of Christian mission. Proselytism is centripetal, inviting people to come to the center where salvation is localized. Mission is centrifugal, leaving the center and going outward - to the ends of the earth and of time.

No one has the right to conceal the Christian faith in language that cannot be understood by today's reader of the daily paper.

As Christians we have our life situation in the world, not in the church.

The cathedral is a symbol of a stable society. In today's mobile society, a shift ought to take place to fellowship houses and moveable chapels.

Christians belong to an ever-increasing world minority. We must learn to live in dispersion, as thinly-spread minority groups.

The calendar of an industrial society is different from the calendar of an agricultural society, and calls for a different rhythm. Instead of 52 Sundays, should we perhaps have 10 or 15 "Christ days" per year - festive gatherings - with other more informal gatherings in between?

The world of tomorrow seen as a whole, can only be a poor world. The middle-class church must empty itself to become the church-of-the-poor.

Professional churchmen can no longer be the best-suited organ for the apostolic mission. The present-day organs of the apostolate will have to separate themselves as far as possible from everything that looks "churchly."

Only a layman can really be "worldly" - the bearer of the apostolate; when he is clericalized and becomes an aid to the minister, he loses his function as an apostle.

What is done in the congregation can be performed by every member - proclaiming the word, baptizing, and administering the Lord's Supper.

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It is hoped that every missionary (or missionary couple) will order a copy, and will discuss the book with fellow missionaries and with fellow nationals, so that we may have an exciting five-continent dialogue!

Theodore A. Braun
Secretary for Program Development

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- 225,684,376 pounds of food, clothing and materials. Of this total, $15,346,129 was the value of Food for Peace commodities shipped under the Government's PL480 and $701,051 the value of commodities given through the Christian Rural Overseas Program of Church World Service.

While the CROP figure is almost $100,000 higher than in 1964, and the value of medical supplies increased, other totals are somewhat lower than the previous year, a CWS spokesman said. This is accounted for chiefly by two factors -- the increasing emphasis on self-help programs in needy countries overseas, aimed at growing food and fibers locally, and the shortage of badly needed supplies from the U.S. surplus program. Among the latter are milk and cooking oils and fats, which are in very short supply, said the report.

Health and medical supplies shipped overseas in 1965 were valued at $1,602,659; in 1964 the value was $1,533,042. Food for Peace shipments in 1965 were down almost 80 million pounds from 1964, the report showed.

In its own year-end report, the Immigration and Refugee Service of CWS underlined the urgency of resettlement of Cuban refugees, whose number greatly increased following the agreement reached between the U.S. and Cuba. As of Dec. 31, 1965, said the report, Church World Service had resettled 1,792 Cuban refugees in the previous 12 months. Since 1961, the agency has found new homes for 16,577 Cubans in this country. Of the 186,429 registered with the Cuban Refugee Emergency Center in Miami, where CWS cooperates with three other agencies, a total of 97,556 Cubans have been resettled since 1961.

SOUTHERN ASIA

The Famine in India

What part has our hospital played in all this challenge of famine need? We ran a "soup kitchen" for the past five months to dispense relief wheat from Church World Service in the form of gruel every morning for all those hungry enough to walk in from the surrounding villages to get it. The problems from the vagaries of the weather are rather stupendous here, even beyond the ability of the government with international help to fully cope with. We feel very small and useless. But of course all problems must be solved by every individual and unit working together and making their own little contribution.

Our main job is the health of the villages in this area. So it was with considerable soul-searching and troubled minds that we had to retrench the scope of our work last fall when we should have been advancing. Because of the harvest failure of the year before income from patients' fees dropped way down just when we were hit by rising costs, and gifts locally and from abroad were not enough to take up the slack. So we were faced with a financial crisis and had to reduce the size of our staff by a quarter. Six of our newest employees were discharged. This in itself is bad enough, because a man or woman, usually from one of the surrounding villages, regardless of how poorly trained and inefficient he is, more or less casts his lot in with us and cuts himself off from any other possible job or means of support for himself and family when he joins our staff. He then depends on us for security of life and protection from literal starvation for his family. To dump such a person and throw all those dependent on him into a crisis of livelihood and survival is no small matter.

From: Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Riggs
Ramnad District, South India

New President for Lady Doak College

Miss Margaret Clapp, president of Wellesley College has been appointed principal of Lady Doak College, in Madurai, South India, it was recently announced by S.J. Savarirayan, chairman of the governing council of Lady Doak College and principal of the American College for Men, also in Madurai, and the Rev. Telfer Mook, secretary for Southern Asia of the UCBWM. The appointment is subject to the approval of the Government of India. (The office of principal in Indian colleges is equivalent to that of president in colleges in the United States. Miss Clapp was appointed president of Wellesley on July 1, 1949, and announced her resignation on Aug. 12, 1965, effective July 1, 1966.)

A Christian liberal arts college for women, Lady Doak College was founded in 1948 by Miss Katie Wilcox, a missionary of the United Church of Christ, with the aid of Sir James Doak, a Scottish businessman in Madurai, and Lady Doak, the former Helen Gaylord, a graduate of Wellesley College and a daughter of a New England clergyman. Bachelor degrees in arts and sciences are offered as well as a master's degree in English.

That They May All Be One — The following is a paragraph from a recent letter from the Rev. and Mrs. William T. Baur, Raipur, India.

"Another sign of fulfillment of Christ's prayer that 'they may all be one' is the 'thaw' that is taking place in relations with our Roman Catholic brethren. They have evidently received the go-ahead signal from above and we find that they are actually yearning for Christian fellowship with us Protestants. On several occasions we have had the German fathers over for meals and have had very enjoyable times together, especially at Christmas time - eating good German-style food and singing German Christmas songs together. There has been a couple of meetings of all the ordained men in Raipur, including seven Catholic priests. The general feeling is that since we have so much in common, we should stress these things and get together on them, especially for fellowship and prayer. On World Communion Sunday, there were some 20 or 30 members of the Catholic church in our morning worship service. The priests took part in the service - one reading scripture, one leading in prayer and the bishop giving a short sermon. All stayed through the communion service although they did not partake. It is evident that something is stirring and we must be alert to what God may be doing during this day and age in order to bring his children together."

LATIN AMERICA

Jeep Lost in Flood — A near tragedy was averted on February 4 when a mission jeep stalled in the Chachaula River, according to a letter received by Rev. Oscar Nussmann of the UCBWM staff from the Rev. Gustav Keuther, missionary in San Pedro Sula. Missionary nurse Diemut Heller, Dr. Burton Jay McHaley, a dentist and member of First Church, Sebastopol, California, in a contributed service program in Honduras, two Honduran nurses and a fifth passenger managed to walk back to the bank, although the river was rising rapidly from rains of the previous day.

Two men passing by tied the jeep to a tree, Mr. Keuther writes, but within half an hour it was carried away and caught in a second tree almost a mile down the river. The jeep cannot be salvaged, Mr. Keuther continues, but it is covered by insurance. The collapsible dental chair, medicines, personal belongings of the five passengers and Dr. McHaley's dental instruments were lost.

No one was hurt, writes Mr. Keuther, beyond "the blisters caused by their hike of more than five miles to a bus." The group had spent the previous week working in Rio Chiquita.

Heifer Project in Mexico — We have watched with real interest the development of a Heifer Project which pastor Wenceslao Ramirez is carrying on in the village of Pozole, about 55 miles south of Mazatlan. Quite apart from the economic improvement which Heifer Project can bring about, there is often a new and Christian outlook which makes a man feel responsible for helping his fellow men realize their social obligations. For a time, great difficulties were experienced in bringing about this new point of view. Suddenly, and perhaps partly out of a sense of gratitude to God for deliverance when 12 feet of flood waters rolled over the village, a great change has taken place. The small Protestant community

which received the original 9 cows from Heifer Project Inc. is no longer trying to keep this good stock to itself, and has made a generous contribution to other members of the community. Thus, a village which a year and a half ago had not a single pig pen, now boasts 18 families engaged in raising quality animals, and each with a fine new brick and cement pen. There are at present 86 Duroc pigs in the village, 32 have already been sold, and orders for animals for breeding purposes have come from as far as 60 miles away. We hope that there will be some far-reaching effects on community life as a result of this project.

From: Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Von Gruenigen, Sinaloa, Mexico

NEAR EAST

Istanbul Churches — Those concerned about the strengthening of the Christian witness will be glad for the report recently from Istanbul of new forms of fellowship among the Protestant churches there - three Armenian churches, a Greek Protestant church, and the English-speaking Evangelical Union Church of Pera. In September of 1964 the churches joined in calling a man to help in many of the pastoral functions of all churches, especially in the absence of full-time ministers. Representatives of the various church bodies decided to meet regularly to face common problems and for fellowship. Community vesper services were planned in addition to the worldwide communion observance. A film library for the use of all the churches is being established in the Bible House. In February of 1966, this union group sponsored a series of stewardship studies under the leadership of Dr. Paul Lindholm, widely recognized in the field of church stewardship. This union group is also becoming the representative for the Protestant churches of Istanbul as recipient of food items from churches abroad transmitted to the Istanbul office of the World Council of Churches.

Those connected with the United Church of Christ will be interested to know that the Rev. Perry Avery has just been called to be minister of the Evangelical Union Church in Istanbul, familiarly known as the Dutch Chapel. Mr. Avery has completed his duties as Assistant Superintendent for the Southwest and is living in Claremont, California, taking an interim pastorate until early April when Mr. and Mrs. Avery will leave for Turkey via the Far East. They are hoping to visit mission work en route and to stay in mission hostels. They will reach Turkey in Mid-May to be ready to take over responsibilities in the Dutch Chapel in June when the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Radcliff leave the work which they have done so ably during the last several years.

The Rev. Perry Avery will be the 18th minister to serve the Dutch Chapel in its 125 years. In 1840 a small group of English-speaking people in Istanbul began meeting in homes. Seventeen years later the group began using a small, thick-walled building on the grounds of the Dutch legation. Dr. George Washburn, an American Board missionary, became the first minister in the autumn of 1863. Dr. Cyrus Hamlin of the American Board and Robert College fame is listed as the second minister. The third minister was from the Free Church of Scotland and through the years the congregation has remained an international group.

PACIFIC

Doshisha and Neesima — After the account of the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the founding of Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan, appeared in the last issue of the Newsletter some interesting facts have been revealed and may be of interest to the readers who are not already familiar with them.

Joseph Hardy Neesima, formerly a Buddhist and a Samurai (the warrior caste of old Japan), had heard and read about Christianity and longed to know more about that religion and to come to the States. Risking his life, he fled from Japan to Shanghai, where he boarded a vessel bound for the States. The ship, the "Wild Rover," was owned by the Hon. Alpheus Hardy of Boston, a devoted member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board. When Mr. Hardy heard Neesima's story, he was so

impressed that he adopted him and sent him to Philipps Andover Academy, Amherst College, and then to Andover Theological School. He served the Japanese embassy, which opened the way to wide and important acquaintances both in the country and Japan. His burning desire was to found a Christian school in Japan to train Christian leaders. In 1874 he was appointed an associate missionary of the Board. With the Rev. J. Davis, the third missionary of the Board in Japan, they carried out Neesima's dream for a Christian school. They were able to acquire through the Governor's adviser the site on which Doshisha University is now located. It was founded in November, 1875.

In a letter to Dr. Darley Downs from Luther Fowle, long treasurer of the Near East Mission, he writes:

"I believe my father roomed with Neesima in Amherst. When he first returned to Japan, with possibility of a hostile reception, he left his treasured Samurai sword with my father. For many years it was kept in the family home in Woburn, Mass. while my father went to Turkey where I was born. When next the two met, Neesima returned as an honored pioneer in Christian Education in Japan, and father was home on furlough. The precious sword was returned to him to go back to Japan. Neesima later sent a small ginko tree to father which was set out on his brother's home in Woburn and is now a beautiful tree." Dr. Darley Downs adds:

"Evidently Neesima left the sword at Amherst for the first Amherst representative, Mr. Stewart Nichols, took it to Japan with him where it was received with great ceremony by Doshisha. A massive bas-relief in stone of the ship "Wild Rover" on which Neesima sailed for America, stands over the main entrance of one of Doshisha's principal buildings. When I spoke at Newcastle, Maine, I was shown an ancient document stating that that 'Wild Rover' was built at Damariscotta, just across the river."

New Church School - Social Center in Hong Kong

The three-fold buildings - a church, a school, and a social center - of the Leung Faat Memorial Church and Kei Faat School were dedicated in January. Over five hundred friends gathered for the dedication service. The Church Council Executive Committee Chairman, Dr. C.T. Yung, who is President of Chung Chi College, one of the three units making up the Chinese University of Hong Kong, officiated at the dedication.

Leung Faat Memorial Church is named in honor of the first ordained Chinese Protestant minister. He was the second Protestant Christian to be baptized in China some 150 years ago.

Rural Leaders Return to Villages in South-East Asia

The 6th South-East Asia Rural Leaders Training Center held its graduation ceremony on December 6 of last year at Tsurukawa Gakuin of the United Church of Christ in Japan. Graduates of the course included eight ministers and five lay leaders.

Tsurukawa Gakuin conducts an 8-month training course every year from early April to December, inviting as students about ten pastors serving in rural evangelism and lay leaders from Christian churches in South-East and East Asia countries.

Graduates of last year came from seven different countries; 1 from India, 4 from Thailand, 1 from Sarawak, 2 from the Philippines, 1 from West Samoa, 2 from Taiwan, and 1 from Korea.

Graduates of this course total 50 since it was opened in 1960, and they have been rendering good service in their communities in nine Asian countries. They came primarily from Protestant denominational churches such as the United Churches, and Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, and Episcopal churches.

Ordained of God

On October 31st the Church of Christ in China, meeting in Kam Kong Memorial Church, ordained three of its men to the ministry. The Rev. Lee Fai Ming is minister of Shaukeiwan Church, working among the Boat People. The Rev. Paul Chan serves in Kam Kong Memorial Church, a developing work in the heart of a great resettlement area. The Rev. Isaac Mah is a mature scholar who has been teaching for some years in Chung Chi College and in the Theological Seminary.

These are seasoned men, proven by the quality of their work. The Church of Christ in China does not lightly move to ordain.

There is deep significance in the name of the church chosen for the service. Mr. Ch'e Kam Kong was martyred a hundred years ago, the first Chinese Protestant Christian to lose his life for faithful witness to Jesus Christ.

South Vietnamese Youth to Attend Agricultural Center — A Japanese service organization has invited two South Vietnamese farm youth to attend a five month course in modern dairying. After famine in North Japan Hills in 1953, 1954, and 1955, 6 1/2 tons of clover seed distributed by the Service Committee of the North Honshu Conference of the Kodan (Paul Gregory then its chairman) gave North Honshu its base and impetus for dairying and diversified farming. The seed was a gift of CROP (Christ Rural Overseas Program). Out of this grew the Okunakayama Center, near the site of the first major planting of clover for the new dairy cattle.

Japan Church World Service, will provide scholarships for the Vietnamese lads at Okunakayama Agricultural Center, in northern Honshu. The center, already training Korean and Taiwanese students, adapts modern dairy methods to the prevailing Asian pattern of small-plot farming.

New Building At Tokyo Seminary — Notables of Japan's 800,000 - member Christian community gathered on February 18 to dedicate the new 22-Million Yen ($62,000) home of Tokyo Union Theological Seminary. This money came primarily from the sale of former buildings and land (increment remaining after purchase of portion of Japan International Christian University campus, on which the seminary is now located).

Tokyo Union Theological Seminary was founded in 1943, just two years after the formation of the United Church of Christ in Japan. The institution is a merger and continuation of the former Theological Department of Aoyama Gakuin University, the Japan Baptist Seminary, and the Japan Theological Seminary, with which the former Sendai seminary (E.&R.) had been united. Students number 186, of whom 62 are students of the Graduate Departments. Dr. Hidenobu Kuwata is President.

Hong Kong Family Planning Project — Since 1947 the influx of thousands of refugee families, and the increase in family size, has pushed Hong Kong's population from less than 600,000 to a bursting-at-the-seams three and three-fourths million. With habitable land limited to 62 square miles, population density has become almost 9,400 persons per square mile.

Christian concern for these refugee families is taking visible form in a family planning clinic recently opened. Located in the crowded Ngau Tau Kok resettlement area with its 8,500 families totalling more than 50,000 persons, it is a joint undertaking of Hong Kong Church World Service and Hong Kong Family Planning Association. This is the first such program for Church World Service. Parents will receive advice and be provided with facilities for spacing children and limiting family size.

A F R I C A

Mr. Marcus Reports from Africa — Word has reached the UCBWM from Mr. Chester Marcus, Regional Secretary for Africa, who is now on a field trip, that he was in Ghana at the time the Army with the cooperation of the police seized the Government of Ghana while Nkrumah was away on a peace mission in Peking and Hanoi. He reports there was outright and open rejoicing and great joy all over Ghana. The constitution was suspended and a National Liberation Council set up to govern the country. They have pledged themselves to a new constitution which will divide the power in government between legislative, judiciary, and executive, and never allow one-man rule again.

Mr. Marcus spent considerable time in discussion with Dr. Christian Baeta, a professor at the University of Ghana, who described the recent developments in Ghana and how it affected the university. He also conversed with the American Ambassador,

Mr. Franklin William, whom he had known at Lincoln University, who tried to interpret the meaning of what was happening.

Mr. Marcus left Ghana and is visiting Togo, Nigeria, Kenya, Zambia, and Rhodesia.

Difficult Times for UCBWM Rhodesian Hospitals

The following is an excerpt from a letter from Dr. Kirk Stetson at the Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital, Mt. Silinda, Rhodesia.

"The next six to twelve months are going to be very difficult ones for the mission's hospitals economically. At our hospitals, for instance, 60 percent of our support is from local sources - 45 percent from the Rhodesian government in the form of grants and 15 percent from patients' fees. If there is a dropping off of government revenues I am afraid that they will have to take care of their own hospitals first and mission hospitals may have to take less than previously. This is the very serious situation missions find themselves in when they have accepted educational and medical grants but later find they can no longer agree with the government policy. If there is widespread unemployment in the country our patients will be less able to help out with their 15 percent which will compound our economic difficulties."

Ghanaians Send Gift for India Famine Victims

The Rev. Henry Reifschneider of Minnesota, who returned recently from a world tour, forwarded to the Division of World Service an offering taken by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Taviefe, Ghana. In his letter to Dr. Helfferich he wrote: "While in Ghana, I preached one evening in a church in Taviefe where the Rev. E.T. Adiku is pastor. In the course of the service, I had mentioned that we had been in India, and that due to the failure of the monsoon, there would be hunger and possibly some starvation.

"After the service, to my surprise, the Presbyters got together and asked their pastor to give us five pounds for the starving and hungry people of India.

"I am enclosing a check for $15. Please put it into the fund that will fulfill the purpose and intent of their liberal gift, since they themselves don't just have too much to eat."

The offering was divided into three parts and Indian Multi-Purpose Food was sent to the three areas of India where the United Church of Christ is at work.

Gurbachan Singh, chairman for the Board of Christian Institutions in Raipur, India, one of the recipients of the gift wrote to Mr. Adiku stating: "I am pleased to learn that your Church played the role of the churches of Macedonia in sending your token of love to the churches in India. Whenever I read Chapter 8-9 from II Corinthians I feel thrilled and grateful to God that His Spirit is moving among His people in such a way that they become more concerned for others than for themselves. This is the Spirit of our Master and we are grateful to our Lord that He has made it possible for us also to share in a small and humble way in this spirit. I am grateful to you for your love gift and I want you to convey our grateful thanks to all the members of your congregation."

Young African National to Participate in Human Rights Conference

Miss Maria Chela, who for many years was a leader of young people and a teacher in Means School for Girls, in Dondi, Angola, of which country she is a national, will take part in the Conference on Human Rights to be held at the United Nations Church Center in New York on March 22-25. The Conference is sponsored by the Christian World Relations Program, of the United Church Women of the National Council of Churches, of which Mrs. Robbins Strong is the chairman. Miss Chela has studied in Canada and the United States and at present is a student at the University of Rochester, N. Y.

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C H R O N I C L E

BIRTHS

To Dr. and Mrs. J. Manfred Laun of the Evangelical Mission Hospital in Khariar, India, a daughter, Angelika Renate, on January 26, 1966.

To Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Glenn of Kobe, Japan, a son, Steven Reed, on February 18, 1966 at the Japan Baptist Hospital in Kyoto.

To the Rev. and Mrs. Armin H. Kroehler of Aizu-Takada, Japan, a son, Christopher David, on March 8, 1966 in Tokyo.

MARRIAGES

Mrs. Doris Bowen Curtis of Philadelphia and the Rev. Theodore Essebaggers of New York were married on Saturday, February 26, 1966, in Mrs. Curtis's apartment, at 6445 Greene Street, Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. Carney Hargroves performed the ceremony in the presence of their children.

Mrs. Essebaggers serves on the executive staff of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society as Associate General Secretary in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Mr. Essebaggers, a former missionary in Raipur, India, is on the staff of the United Church Board for World Ministries as an associate secretary. He has been on a special assignment to Honduras.

The Essebaggers will live in Philadelphia until June when they will leave for India as UCBWM missionaries under the United Church of North India where they will do stewardship work.

ARRIVALS FROM THE FIELD

JAPAN

Miss Audrey N. Gilg of Osaka, in March, on the completion of a short term as a teacher of English at Baika Junior College. Miss Gilg received career appointment while on the field and will spend her furlough year in graduate study in preparation for her future work.

Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Glenn of Kobe and their three children, in March, on the completion of three years in Japan. During the past year Mr. Glenn was associated with the American Studies Center at Doshisha University in Kyoto.

The Rev. and Mrs. Eugene B. McAlister of Kobe, in February, on the completion of a Short Term as teachers of English conversation at Shoei Junior College and Palmore Institute. They both taught large evening classes. Mr. McAlister's program included Bible classes at Palmore and a course in Christian education at Shoei.

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DEPARTURES FOR THE FIELD

BRAZIL

The Rev. and Mrs. Valerius G. Schultz of Ijui, and their infant son John Michael, in March, returning from furlough. Mr. Schultz is superintendent of the Evangelical Congregational Church of Brazil and is associated in the work with fifteen South American pastors.

INDIA

Miss Ruby A. Merkle, S.R.N., S.C.M., in March, returning to the Evangelical Mission Hospital in Tilda to continue her service as superintendent of the School of Nursing, and to give special emphasis to midwifery training and obstetrical work.

JAPAN

Mr. Robert H. Grant, in March, returning from furlough to Doshisha University in Kyoto where he is professor of American literature and allied subjects.

The Rev. (Ph.D.) and Mrs. Allen L. Irwin, in March, returning from furlough to Sendai to continue their teaching at both Miyagi and North Japan Colleges. A New Testament specialist, Dr. Irwin teaches courses in religion and is often called upon as a guest preacher.

Mrs. Viola L. Reiss of Seattle, Washington, in March, recognized as being on Special Service while on the staff of Miyagi College in Sendai for six months.

* Mr. and Mrs. Lester K. Weiner of Rhodesia, and more recently of the Sefula Secondary School, Zambia, and their three children, in March, for furlough.

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DEPARTURES FOR THE FIELD (Cont'd)

TURKEY

Mr. and Mrs. (R.N.) Richardson Fowle, in February, returning from a short furlough to join the staff of Tarsus College in Tarsus. They were reappointed for Regular Term service on the completion of short terms by each.

DEPARTURE OF NEW APPOINTEES

JAPAN

The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas R. Paton of Kent, Ohio, and Potsdam, New York, respectively, and their twin sons, in February, for Regular Term service under the direction of the United Church of Christ in Japan. Their immediate assignment is to language study in Tokyo.

IN MEMORIAM

MISS MYRA LOUISE SAWYER, R.N. (1882-1966), of Claremont, California, a missionary nurse-anesthetist in North China for twenty-four years (1911-1935), died on January 26, 1966 at Claremont Manor at the age of 83. Miss Sawyer served in West China also for approximately six years under the Methodist Board (1938-1945).

Born in Malden, Massachusetts, Myra Sawyer attended the local high school, took her nurses training at the State Hospital for Miners in Hazleton, Pennsylvania (R.N.1902), spent a year in obstetrical training in New York City, and later qualified as an anesthetist.

Miss Sawyer went to China in 1911 under the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior. Her initial years were spent at the Mission Hospital in Pangchuang assisting Doctors Francis and Emma Tucker. When the hospital moved to a new building in Tehchow, because the need for trained nurses was very acute, Miss Sawyer immediately initiated plans for a training school for men and women at the Williams-Porter Hospital. Beginning with eleven students she developed a fine training program and nursing personnel on an increasing scale over the next twenty years, until the depression and retrenchment of missionary personnel caught up with her in 1934. After a year at Nanchang with the Methodist Mission, Miss Sawyer returned to the States.

Her further missionary service in West China from 1938-1945 was under the Methodist Board as chief anesthetist at West China Union University Hospital in Chengtu, Szechuan. Until the full operation of the University Hospital on the campus, Miss Sawyer assisted at the men's and women's hospitals of the United Church of Canada in the city of Chengtu. With some 1,000 medical school graduates during those years, she supervised and administered anesthesias to many thousands. A woman of great ability and devotion, Miss Sawyer made an invaluable contribution to Chinese life as a nurse, a teacher, and anesthetist.

Upon conclusion of her China service, Miss Sawyer joined the staff of Roper Hospital in Charleston, South Carolina, as anesthetist, and was associated with the Medical College of South Carolina. She retired in 1951 and became a resident of Claremont, California.

C H R O N I C L E (Cont'd)

IN MEMORIAM (Cont'd)

MRS. HAROLD N. AULER, SR. (LOUISE A. ESSER)(1896-1966), a recently retired missionary after forty-four years of service in Latin America with the Rev. Dr. Auler (Honduras, Ecuador, Mexico 1921-1965), died in her sleep on February 4, 1966 in Los Angeles at the age of 69.

They began their ministry in social work in the Caroline Mission in St. Louis, in charge of a young settlement house and church. For forty years Dr. and Mrs. Auler gave dedicated service in Honduras. Before they left that country they had witnessed the formation of the Evangelical and Reformed Synod of Honduras and had seen the indigenous church develop with church leaders and laymen taking hold.

Dr. and Mrs. Auler's twin sons and their wives also made their special contribution in Honduras - the Rev. and Mrs. Harold N. Auler, Jr., of Alliance, Ohio, for seventeen years, and Dr. and Mrs. Richard F. Auler of Richmond, Indiana, for four years.

The longest period of the senior Aulers' service in Honduras was spent in San Pedro Sula with shorter periods in Yoro, Progreso and Pinalejo. Mrs. Auler was mission hostess in San Pedro Sula, bringing charm and warmth to her task. Her other activities included clinical work in the villages, teaching typing, shorthand, English, home economics, and women's work. For years she was the treasurer of the Honduras Mission, and principal of various primary schools.

While in Ecuador, South America, as coordinators of the United Andean Indian Mission (Uyumbicho and Quito 1959-61), Mrs. Auler took over the treasurer's work and taught sewing and crafts. During a personnel shortage in Mexico (Guadalajara 1963-65) the Aulers, with their wide experience and language ability, readily responded to the need and quickly won the confidence and affection of the Mexican congregations.

After their retirement, Dr. and Mrs. Auler lived at 55 N. Bompart Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri, and at 1426 Malvern Avenue, Los Angeles.

The beginning and end of their effective joint service was summarized by Dr. Auler in the following paragraph:

"On February 10, 1921, my wife Louise and our twin sons boarded the steamer in New Orleans and sailed for Honduras, Central America. On February 10, 1966, forty-five years later to the day and hour, Louise's mortal remains were placed in Park Lawn, St. Louis, after a service at St. Paul's Church, - St. Paul's where Mother Esser is a member, where I was ordained, where we were married, and where our sons were baptized. Thus ends a life history of service and love at Caroline Mission, Honduras, Ecuador, Mexico, and again in the United States."

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